

MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING
and
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2005

As the Annual Town Budget was defeated at referendum held on June 15, 2005, electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings are hereby notified that a subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Ellington would be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, for the following purpose:

First Selectman Dennis C. Milanovich called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m., and then asked for nominations for a Moderator. **Gary Blanchette nominated Mary Cardin moderator, seconded by Robert Pagani,** motion so carried.

The Moderator then read the warning for the meeting, which was published in the Journal Inquirer on June 17, 2005 and is recorded in these records preceding these minutes.

To consider and appropriate upon the recommendation of and as allocated by the Board of Finance the total sum for all expenditures, a/k/a budget grand total, for the fiscal year 2005-2006 the sum of \$ (such sum as may be recommended by the Board of Finance).

Dennis Milanovich made the motion to move to adjourn the town meeting to a referendum to be held on Wednesday June 29, 2005 at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with one question,

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF AND AS ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, THE TOTAL SUM FOR ALL EXPENDITURES, A/K/A BUDGET GRAND TOTAL, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 THE SUM OF \$37,240,753 ?" **seconded by Peter Charter.**

The Moderator then opened the meeting to any questions or comments.

Ernest Boothroyd stated he attended the budget cutting session on the previous evening and that it was a "painful event". Mr. Boothroyd felt the Bd. of Finance was at its wits end trying to figure out what now can be done, they are hoping this one (budget) will go through otherwise the mill rate will have to be set and he felt that would only complicate the matter. Mr. Boothroyd urged everyone to go and vote and tell everyone they know to go vote, he stated he would like to see 4 or 5 thousand people turn out, and that would give a better indication of what people wanted.

Ann McLaughlin voiced her anger on the talk of cutting middle school sports and the way the finances of the town are run.

Nora Willis stated she attend all of the meetings of the Bd. of Finance and she felt "We are very lucky to have such a board of knowledgeable people giving of their own free time to do this."

John Krieski questioned finding money left over from the snow budget.

Jeff Deland stated he does not attend all of the meetings, but he does vote. Mr. Deland wanted to take the opportunity on behalf of the kids who play little league and kids in the recreation programs who play all the different sports to thank the public works department for the fine work they do in getting all the fields into shape and the maintenance they do.

First Selectman Dennis Milanovich took exception to Mr. Krieski's statement regarding a surplus he stated that was in the public works winter weather account. Mr. Milanovich stated Mr. Krieski was mistaken.

Peter Charter stated he was concerned about the \$19500. for fertilization for the fields that was being cut from the budget. Mr. Charter felt the athletic fields were an asset and needed the fertilizer to maintain them. **Mr. Charter made a motion to return the \$19500.00 to the budget for fertilization seconded by Jeff Deland.** Moderator Mary Cardin explained the budget amount could not be increased only decreased per our Town Charter. Said motion was not acted on.

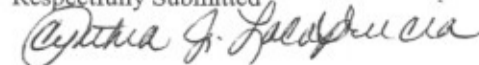
Comments and questions came to a close, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to adjourn the town meeting to a referendum to be held on Wednesday June 29, 2005 at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with one question,

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Vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia J. Lacapruvia, Town Clerk Received for record June 23, 2005 @ 2:55 p.m.